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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th, 25th and 29th meetings, on 18 October, 21 November and 12 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.7, 25 and 29).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Funds for International Partnerships (A/60/327);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the suspension of recruitment for posts in the General Service and related categories (A/60/363);

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.2);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/60/366);

* Reissued for technical reasons.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/60/7 and Corr.1).

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(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the regular programme of technical cooperation and the Development Account (A/59/397);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/60/425);

(h) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/7/Add.10).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9

4. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste" (A/C.5/60/L.9), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Jordan.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9 without a vote (see para. 7).

B. Draft decision orally proposed by the Chairman

6. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (see para. 8).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to approve the position of Chief of Staff at the D-1 level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate coordination of gender mainstreaming activities;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to achieve savings on operational costs taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

6. *Approves* the budget for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste in the amount of 21,939,900 United States dollars net (23,782,100 dollars gross) for the period from 21 May to 31 December 2005;

7. *Notes* that requirements for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste, after taking into account the utilization of savings of 6,301,700 dollars under the United Nations Advance Mission in the Sudan, amount to 15,638,200 dollars (17,480,400 dollars gross);

8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 15,638,200 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2004-2005, for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,842,200 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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[1] A/60/425.

[2] A/60/7/Add.10.

8. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.[1]

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[1] A/60/327